



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Addition of Equipment Service Worker and Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic for City of Lodi Transit System

MEETING DATE: February 1, 1995

SUBMITTED BY: Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council adopt Resolution No. 95-16 (Exhibit A) authorizing the addition of two additional equipment maintenance personnel to the Table of Organization of the Equipment Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department. The two positions requested are as follows:

- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Equipment Service Worker

Both of these positions will be funded using Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) dollars.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Over the past five years the maintenance burden in the equipment repair facility has increased greatly, but at the same time we have reduced the number of maintenance personnel. We are operating with the same number of persons that we had in 1988. In the 1993-94 budget we reduced the staffing. The position we eliminated was that of Equipment Parts Coordinator; this person was responsible for keeping up the inventory of parts in the shop and picking up necessary parts from local vendors. The purpose was to reduce our inventory of spare parts and provide needed parts for repairs as quickly as possible. Since 1988 we have added to our Dial-a-Ride fleet, added five vehicles for the Grapeline, added five used vehicles for the Partners program, and are scheduled to add an additional five vehicles, all labor intensive pieces of equipment. We also have added other vehicles and miscellaneous equipment to our inventory since then.

James Brown, the City's transit advisor, has recommended to us the ratio of vehicles to maintenance personnel for transit operations not fall below eight vehicles per employee. We now have 15 transit vehicles and will include an additional vehicle in the 1994-95 transit claim. Transit vehicles have been given priority in the equipment maintenance shop - this for two reasons: we have a schedule to maintain for the Grapeline and do not want to be in a position of not being able to respond to Dial-A-Ride calls. Secondly, the transit vehicles must be ready to stand inspection by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) at any time.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jerry L. Olsen for*  
THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager



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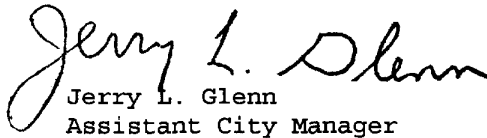
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The last three times additional personnel for the equipment maintenance shop was approved (1986, 1988, and 1989), it was determined the appropriate equipment to maintenance personnel ratio for Lodi was 50-55 pieces of equipment per maintenance personnel. This compared to an average of our survey cities of approximately 45. Lodi is presently at 75 pieces of equipment per maintenance personnel.

Both of these positions will work on all vehicles, but for the most part, the time of two mechanics will be spent on our transit vehicles. The City will recoup the cost of these positions through Federal and TDA funds. The cost of these two positions will be approximately \$73,000 per year.

FUNDING: FTA and TDA funds

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jerry L. Glenn  
Assistant City Manager

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Attachment

cc: Jack Ronsko, Public Works Director  
Dennis Callahan, Building & Equipment Maintenance Superintendent

RESOLUTION NO. 95-16

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVING THE ADDITION OF EQUIPMENT SERVICE WORKER  
AND HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC FOR  
CITY OF LODI TRANSIT

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WHEREAS, over the past five years the maintenance burden in the equipment repair facility has increased greatly; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the maintenance and repair of the City's fleet, we have added to our Dial-A-Ride fleet, added five vehicles for the Grapeline, and added five used vehicles for the Partners program, thus overloading our equipment repair facility employees; and

WHEREAS, the City's transit advisor has recommended that the City maintain a ratio of vehicles to maintenance personnel for transit operations not fall below 8 vehicles per employee; and

WHEREAS, we now have 15 transit vehicles and an additional vehicle will be included in the 1994-95 transit claim; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these two positions will be funded by Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby authorizes the addition of Equipment Service Worker and Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic to the Table of Organization of the Equipment Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the two positions of Equipment Service Worker and Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic shall be on a contract basis.

Dated: February 1, 1995

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 95-16 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 1, 1995 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Davenport, Pennino, Sieglock,  
Warner, Mann (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

  
Jennifer M. Ferrin  
City Clerk